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Title of Invention:

A METHOD OF ESTIMATING THE  
PITCH OF A SPEECH SIGNAL USING  
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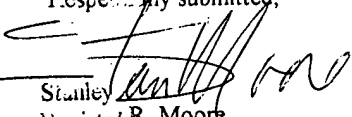
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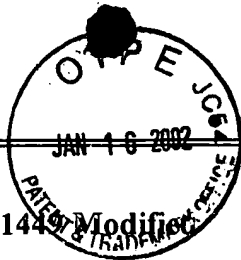
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